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Maienschein and Commissioner Poizner Answer Important Questions for Fire Survivors

On April 28, I was pleased to be joined by California Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner as we tackled many of the important issues concerning rebuilding after last fall's devastating wildfires.

When the rebuilding effort began, I promised fire survivors that I would provide the resources and information that would be vital to rebuild their homes. When these issues fall outside of my jurisdiction as a City Councilmember, I have worked with local, state and federal officials to find a solution.

As my constituents began to work with their insurance companies, the same issue continued to arise. If a homeowner wanted to pursue the option of purchasing another home at a different location instead of rebuilding at the original location, would they be able to use their insurance proceeds for this purchase?

After studying the California Insurance Statutes myself, I decided that clarification on these issues was needed. I contacted Commissioner Poizner and asked him to provide homeowners with a legal explanation that would clarify these matters. Commissioner Poizner drafted an opinion and confirmed that "after a disaster, homeowners have an absolute right to re-establish their lives elsewhere if they so desire." In addition, Commissioner Poizner found that "homeowners purchasing a home at a new location for less than the cost to rebuild at the original location may only recover replacement costs reasonably paid to replace the damaged property." I am confident that this opinion will provide homeowners and insurance providers with a clear and definite position on these issues.

I wanted to clarify these questions to provide essential information to the fire survivors, not only in Rancho Bernardo, but throughout San Diego County.



Maienschein Passes Tougher Graffiti Ordinance

I am proud to announce that the City Council voted unanimously to support my proposal for changes to the City of San Diego's Graffiti Ordinance. The changes will require that all graffiti offenders be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the State of California's Penal Code. In addition, store owners will now be required to store graffiti tools away from public access and will add the indelible-ink pens that are four millimeters or broader to the list of designated graffiti tools, as they have become a popular tool for the tagging community.



Graffiti and Tagging is a major quality of life issue and has become a problem all over our City. It lessens neighborhood appeal, lowers property values, drives away prospective home buyers and can lead to other gang related crimes.

Also included in this Ordinance is a provision that requires the Mayor and City Attorney's offices to report annually to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services committee about graffiti enforcement and abatement efforts to measure how affective the Ordinance is, and how best to target offenders. It is my hope that with these Ordinance changes, we can deter these taggers and stop the spread of graffiti in our community.

Maienschein Receives Bronco Community Service Award

On May 1, I was pleased to attend the Westwood Club's 40th anniversary celebration that benefited the Rancho Bernardo High School Music Boosters. The event was hosted by NBC Channel 8's Larry Himmel and included a silent auction, and performances by the Big Time Operator and the Shenanigans.

I was honored to be joined by San Diego Charger's All-Pro Shawne Merriman as we received the *Bronco Community Service Award* from the Westwood Club. This award was especially gratifying to me because it represented all of the hard work that has been done to rebuild our communities after the wildfires.



Maienschein Allocates \$75,000 to Second Chance

I am happy to announce that I was able to allocate \$75,000 from my district's Community Development Block Grant funding to Second Chance—STRIVE for the construction of the Second Chance Community Resource Center.

Second Chance has been an important asset to our City since 1993 and has provided job readiness training, employment placement, affordable housing and life skills for homeless and chronically unemployed men, women and youth in our communities. The new Community Resource Center will include new classroom space, an expanded computer lab, additional counseling offices, multi-purpose facilities and an auditorium. Second Chance has grown significantly in recent years and the new facilities will allow the program to keep up with the increasing demand.



Important Dates to Remember

Sunday, June 1

Rancho Bernardo Alive Expo 2008—10:00 - 4:00

Friday, July 4

Scripps Ranch Civic Association's 4th of July
Parade—10:00

Mira Mesa Town Council's 4th of July Parade—11:30
Rancho Bernardo Spirit of the Fourth's
Independence Day Parade—3:30





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